

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-601-C - ORDER NO. 93-37 ✓
JANUARY 14, 1993

IN RE: Application of GTE South, Inc. for)
Approval of Amortization of Reserve) ORDER
Deficiency.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of an Application from GTE South, Inc. (GTE) requesting approval to amortize a reserve deficiency in its radio systems account. The one-time amortization is requested for the year of 1992, which coincides with the year for final retirement of the investment in this account. The Company's October 27, 1992 Application was filed pursuant to S.C. CODE ANN. §58-9-350 (1976, as amended).

By letter, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish a prepared Notice of Filing one time, in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Company's Application. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's Application, and advised all interested parties desiring participation in the scheduled proceeding of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings. No protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

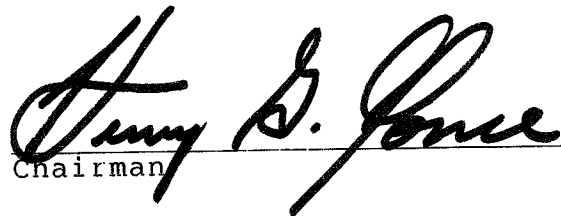
After an examination of the Company's request, the Commission

believes that instead of allowing a one-time amortization in the radio systems account, that we should hereby approve amortization of the depreciation reserve deficiency in the radio system account over a three-year period. Further, we believe that the unamortized balance should not be included in the Company's rate base. We believe that such an approach is consistent with good accounting and ratemaking principles, and is fair to both the Company and the ratepayers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission hereby approves amortization of the depreciation reserve deficiency in the radio system account over a three year period.
2. That the unamortized balance shall not be included in the Company's rate base.
3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

(SEAL)